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Sault Ste. Marie 49783

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Lake Superior State University, on the Canadian border in Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula, is the smallest of the state's 15 public universities. With a five-year average academic year enrollment of just more than 2,600 students, LSSU is considered under the Carnegie Classification to be a small four-year undergraduate institution with a focus on professions and a single graduate program. LSSU's admission process is moderately selective with an undergraduate mix for entering students of approximately 67% new freshman and 33% transfers. For new freshmen, the average high school GPA is 3.3 and the average ACT composite is 22. The university grants 111 baccalaureate degrees in such diverse fields as fire science, criminal justice, engineering, business, health sciences, environmental chemistry, fisheries and wildlife management, conservation leadership, exercise science, applied geographic information science, English literature, communication, psychology, and sociology. Additionally, the university offers a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. LSSU has branch regional centers in Petoskey, Gaylord, and Escanaba.

LSSU's main campus overlooks the sister cities of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (population 14,000) and Ontario, Canada (population 75,000). Three counties comprise the Eastern U.P. with a total population of 56,254 spread over 3,486 square miles. The region offers year-round recreation with access to three Great Lakes within 50 miles, thousands of acres of public lands, and hundreds of miles of streams, rivers, and inland lakes. Students enjoy the opportunity to study in a unique international setting abundant in natural resources and historical significance.

The Sault Ste. Marie area has been inhabited for more than 2,000 years, and the city was founded as a European settlement in 1668 by Father Jacques Marquette, a French Jesuit missionary. It was the first permanent European settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains and is believed to be the oldest continually inhabited European settlement in the Midwest. It is home to the famous Soo Locks that enable ships to traverse an 18-foot drop between Lake Superior and the lower Great Lakes. These federal locks, dating back to 1855, and other attractions have turned the twin Saults into a busy tourist destination that draws tens of thousands of visitors each year.

<i>Credit Enrollment (fall head count)</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>
On-campus	2,697	2,471	2,278
Off-campus	145	147	143
TOTAL	2,842	2,618	2,434